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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 064237 SENT ACTION PEKING USUN NEW YORK
INFO TOKYO HONG KONG DATED MAR 29.

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT- SPECIAL PRC FLIGHTS TO US

REF: STATE 63141

1. NSC SOLOMON RESPONDED MARCH 29 TO PRCLO APPROACH
SUMMARIZED PARA 1 REFTEL. MAIN POINTS IN RESPONSE WERE
INCLUDED IN PAPER (TEXT BELOW) WHICH WAS GIVEN TO PRCLO.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE U.S. SIDE WISHES TO RESPOND TO THE
VARIOUS REQUESTS OF THE CHINESE SIDE REGARDING THE THREE
SPECIAL FLIGHTS FROM PEKING TO NEW YORK TO BE CARRIED OUT
BY THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION OF CHINA (CAAC)
BEGINNING ON MARCH 30, 1974.

3. PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR THE TWO CAAC TRIAL FLIGHTS
FROM PEKING TO NEW YORK AND RETURN ON MARCH 30-APRIL 2
AND APRIL 2-3. PERMISSION IS ALSO GRANTED FOR THE SPECIAL
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FLIGHT FROM PEKING TO NEW YORK ON APRIL 6, 1974. WE WILL

APPRECIATE RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE APRIL 6 FLIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING HOW LONG THE AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN IN NEW YORK.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SUCH FLIGHTS, WE ARE ARRANGING ESCORT CREWS TO ACCOMPANY THE

AIRPLANE WHILE IN U.S. AIR SPACE. ESCORT CREWS WILL ENPLANE AND DEPLANE IN TOKYO AND PARIS RESPECTIVELY FOR THE TWO TRIAL FLIGHTS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT NOTICE FOR THE FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION IN TOKYO, CECIL E. ROBBINS, IS BEING INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT THE AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN UPON THE PLANE'S ARRIVAL IN JAPAN, AND WILL FLY WITH THE AIRCRAFT AS FAR AS ANCHORAGE. THE OTHER QUALIFIED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL, MERLE HOTTENSTEIN AND PILOT DONALD P. BROWN, WILL ACCOMPANY THE AIRCRAFT BETWEEN ANCHORAGE AND NEW YORK (JFK). THE SAME ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY TO THE RETURN OF THE FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT.

6. IN PARIS AN ESCORT CREW CONSISTING OF DONALD NEESE AND NAVIGATOR STEVEN HO WILL JOIN THE AIRCRAFT. THE SAME CREW WILL ACCOMPANY THE AIRCRAFT ON THE RETURN FLIGHT FROM NEW YORK TO PARIS.

7. WE WILL MAKE ESCORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APRIL 6 FLIGHT WHEN WE ARE GIVEN THE ROUTES. IN EACH CASE, THE ESCORT CREWS WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION REGARDING ROUTES, COMMUNICATIONS, NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, EMERGENCY LANDING SITES, ETC., WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY THE CHINESE SIDE. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT ON EACH FLIGHT THE CHINESE CREW WILL ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE TO ACT AS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETER.

8. ALTHOUGH THE CHINESE SIDE HAS PROVIDED NO NAME LISTS OR PASSPORT NUMBERS FOR THE FLIGHT CREWS, WE HAVE AUTHORIZED OUR LIAISON OFFICE IN PEKING TO ISSUE THE VISAS FOR THE TWO TRIAL FLIGHTS. WE WILL ALSO AUTHORIZE

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OUR LIAISON OFFICE TO ISSUE VISAS FOR THE CREW AND MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ON THE APRIL 6 FLIGHT. WE REQUEST THAT FULL DETAILS BE GIVEN TO OUR LIAISON OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

9. WE ARE REQUESTING NORTHWEST AIRLINES TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY GROUND SERVICES IN ANCHORAGE AND NEW YORK ON THE FIRST TRIAL FLIGHT. WE AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES NEED

TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF FUEL REQUIRED FOR THE FIRST FLIGHT. WE HAVE ASKED NORTHWEST AIRLINES TO HAVE ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN TOKYO CONTACT THE AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN REGARDING THIS INFORMATION AND RELATED FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS.

10. WE INTEND TO ASK TWA TO PROVIDE THE GROUND SERVICES FOR THE SECOND TRIAL FLIGHT, AND PAN-AM TO PROVIDE GROUND SERVICES FOR THE APRIL 6 FLIGHT.

11. FOR EACH FLIGHT, THE AIRLINE PROVIDING GROUND SERVICES WILL ALSO PROVIDE FLIGHT CONTROL AND WEATHER DATA WHILE FLYING TO AND FROM THE UNITED STATES.

12. WE ARE MAKING THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PHYSICAL SECURITY OF THE CAAC AIRCRAFT WHILE OVER AND ON UNITED STATES TERRITORY.

13. WE DO NOT PLAN TO INITIATE ANY PUBLICITY REGARDING THE FLIGHTS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT INFORMATION REGARDING THESE FLIGHTS HAS ALREADY BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE IN ANOTHER COUNTRY. IF WE ARE ASKED ABOUT THE FLIGHTS, WE WILL REPLY FACTUALLY, ALTHOUGH WE WILL NOT RELEASE DETAILED FLIGHT INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER ACCESS BY THE PRESS TO AREAS OF AIRPORTS NORMALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. END TEXT

14. REGARDING ESCORT ARRANGEMENTS, SOLOMON NOTED THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS, IN ADDITION BEING IN ACCORDANCE OUR STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR SUCH FLIGHTS, ROUGHLY CORRESPONDED TO PRC PROCEDURES FOR FIRST USG FLIGHTS TO PRC, E.G. CHINESE PERSONNEL BOARDING AIRCRAFT IN GUAM.

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15. PRCLO (CHI CHAO-CHU) SAID THAT PAN AM HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PRC UN MISSION OFFERING TO HANDLE GROUND SERVICES AND HAD SENT NAVIGATOR TO ANCHORAGE. SOLOMON RESPONDED THAT BECAUSE OF PRCLO MARCH 28 REQUEST, PRESSURE OF TIME, AND FACT THAT THERE ARE THREE U.S. AIRLINES INTERESTED, WE MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS OUTLINED IN PAPER AND HOPE THEY WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.

16. COMMENT: UNLESS PRC INFORMS US OTHERWISE, WE ARE PROCEEDING ON BASIS THAT ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE MADE ARE ACCEPTABLE. PRESS GUIDANCE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. KISSINGER UNQUOTE RUSH

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